

HOUSE VOTES TOMORROW ON \$7,000,000 WAR BILL

FACTIONS UNITE BEHIND WILSON ON BOND PLANS

Harmony Prevails in Debate on Means to Crush Germany

YANKEE INGENUITY TO COMBAT U-BOATS

American Devices Expected to Turn Scales Against Kaiser's Sea Campaign

PLAN TO SEIZE RAILWAYS

Adams Proposes to Place Utilities on Military Basis Under President

With a unanimity unprecedented in congressional debate, the House of Representatives today stood behind President Wilson in his request for a war credit of \$7,000,000,000.

Late this afternoon it was agreed to halt debate at 6:30 o'clock and vote on the bond issue bill tomorrow.

This gigantic financial legislation provides a loan of \$3,000,000,000 to the Allies, \$2,000,000,000 in bonds for an American war fund and \$2,000,000,000 in certificates for immediate war expenditures.

The Senate, adjourned until Monday, is expected to pass the bill speedily. Consideration and the volunteer system for putting the man strength of the nation on a war basis are still in conflict.

However, the Administration appears determined upon adoption of the selective conscription. Opponents think the volunteer plan should be given a trial.

A bill empowering the President to seize and operate all the railway, telegraph and telephone lines of the country for the period of the war, was introduced in the House. The measure would give all officials and employees of such companies the status of soldiers, subject to executive command.

Germany's campaign of piracy is doomed, according to naval experts of America and the Entente Powers, in conference to put into operation the agencies of Yankee ingenuity, which, these experts say, will be the deathblow to submarine warfare.

Something new under the sun is to be revealed in war implements, it is said. America has two immediate tasks:

Rid the ocean lanes of these undersea pirates.

Feed and supply with munitions the Allied armies fighting in Europe.

Submarine warfare, the experts say, has reached its best point of efficiency. Two U-boats a day, for the last eleven days, have been sunk. America's efforts are expected to put the submarine out of business entirely.

The New Jersey Agricultural Board, in moves to ward off a food famine, recommends that use of cereals in the manufacture of alcohol be prohibited.

Great Britain, in welcoming America into the world conflict, says it will turn the scales of the war for the Allies, according to press opinion.

HARMONY IN HOUSE ON WILSON'S WAR PLAN

WASHINGTON, April 13. The House, by unanimous consent, late this afternoon, agreed to close general debate on the \$7,000,000,000 war credit bill at 6:30 o'clock tonight and to defer the vote until tomorrow.

This proposal was made by Majority Leader Kitchin after it became apparent that all of those desiring to speak on the bill could not be heard in time to permit a vote tonight.

Debate of the measure under the five-minute rule will be resumed tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and the bill will be passed early in the afternoon, according to present plans.

Representative Fordney, of Michigan, standard Republican, in opening the debate for the minority, at the conclusion of Majority Leader Kitchin's presentation of the aims of the Administration, sounded the keynote of the day's deliberations. He said:

"A peculiar situation is found here today. The Democrats and Republicans are in the same bed, and on a matter affecting revenue at that."

Most of the speeches from what is ordinarily the opposition side of the House reflected the sentiment of Fordney's observations.

Representative Kitchin was closely questioned from both sides of the chamber and at times heckled. But the prevailing spirit was that there was but one enemy now—differences, therefore, were buried in consideration of the monumental measure.

U. S. MARKS OUT DEADLINES FOR PORT GUARDING

War Zone Fixed for Vessels and Rules Framed by President

BREACHES MEAN ATTACK

WASHINGTON, April 13. Official announcement was made today of the establishment of a "war zone" about American ports.

Certain prescribed waters were termed "defensive areas" and ships are warned to comply strictly with the restrictions imposed upon traffic in these districts.

President Wilson, by executive order, established the "war zones" after receiving information from the Navy Department. Vessels entering these "defensive areas" after sunset will be fired upon without question. And at no time can a vessel in these districts travel at a speed greater than five knots an hour.

"Deadlines," in the sea are marked off at certain distances out from twenty-six American ports. The deadlines vary in distance, according to the ports and the volume of shipping conducted through them.

BARRED ZONES

Following is a list, as prescribed by the President order and the limits of the deadlines:

The mouth of the Kennebec River (Portland, Me.), two miles. Boston, two miles. Portsmouth, N. H., two miles.

New Bedford, Mass., two miles. Newport, R. I., two miles. Montauk Point (New York), two miles.

New York harbor, ten miles. Mouth of the Delaware River, a detail. Mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, four miles.

All of the Potomac River and contiguous waters. Hampton Roads (Va.), Wilmington, Del., five miles. Charleston, S. C., six miles. Savannah, Ga., ten miles. Key West, Fla., seven miles. Tampa, Fla., six miles.

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PLOT RUMORS FLY; TROOPS GUARD JERSEY'S CAPITOL

Officials Take Precautionary Measures on Reports That State House Is Menaced

TRENTON, April 13.—Following rumors of a plot to blow up the State House, a detail of soldiers has been placed about the building. Suspicious characters have been seen lurking about the place, and this circumstance, together with bomb rumors, led to a police investigation.

The Capitol was thoroughly searched, but nothing to bear out the plot rumors was found. The State House commission today, following a conference with the Governor and Adjutant General Barber on the matter, requested the guard detail, and it was supplied from the Second Regiment, of this city.

RAIN KEEPS A'S AND PHILS IDLE

And the Athletics Expected to Win—McInnis Spitter

OTHER GAMES ALSO OFF

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Friday, the thirteenth, has no terrors for the brave soldiers working for Connie Mack. The double hoodoo was ignored today and not a single alibi was framed to explain the loss of the ball game this afternoon.

It might be well to say right here, however, that no game was played because the clouds cracked in a damp and vulnerable spot and moisture settled all over the scenery.

Joe Ohl, who is a glutton for punishment, walked out on the field, closely scrutinized the diamond and reported that all bets should be called off. Connie and Harry Davis agreed with him, and the postponed combat will be part of a double header here when the Senators again appear on June 28.

Frigid temperature in Detroit kept the Tigers and Indians in the warm club house and the Red Sox and Yankees postponed their combat because of wet grounds.

Over in Brooklyn where the Phils are busily engaged in walloping the Dodgers, a dense fog, accompanied by a very wet though Charlie Ebbets hated to call off the game, there was no chance to play. It was announced, however, that yesterday's postponement would be the other part of a double header in Flatbush on June 30. This is the first bargain bill scheduled this year.

The Macklets were rather peeved when they learned that there would be nothing doing this afternoon. Two defeats in a row did not dampen their spirits as much as the weather, for they had an idea that today was the day to break into the winning column. They profited by the bawling practice against Johnson and Galla and were ready to get revenge on Jim and Griffith. Elmer Meyers or Jack Nabors would have done the twirling for the home club.

There seems to be no cause for the fans to be disappointed over the showing of the

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GERMANS FALL BACK AGAIN AS HAIG ADVANCES

Advance South of Arras and Between Cambrai and St. Quentin

FRENCH PUSH ASSAULTS



British forces have struck two more telling blows in their offensive on the west front. They have captured another mile of German defenses southeast of the Cojeul River, in the region immediately south of Arras. In addition to this movement, the troops of Sir Douglas Haig have executed a successful attack between Cambrai and St. Quentin, taking German positions "on a wide front" extending from north of Hargicourt to Metz-en-Coutre and occupying Sart Farm, Gauche Wood and Gouzeaucourt village and wood.

Sharp fighting is also reported southwest of Loos, where German dugouts were raided by the British. The total British advance was on a front seven miles long.

French troops are continuing their offensive south of St. Quentin. Paris reports the capture of several German lines, many prisoners and much booty in that region. This movement is linked closely with the drive of the British between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

WITH THE ARMIES AFIELD, April 13. Another mile of the Hindenburg line was captured by British forces today. The positions lay southeast of the Cojeul River. Their possession by General Haig's troops more and more threatens the pivotal point of the German line around Arras.

Simultaneous with this advance, an entire salient two miles in width and nearly a mile in depth, in which the particular trench was located, came into the hands of the British.

Further to the south, around Metz-en-Coutre, the British averaged a mile gain on a front of approximately five miles, including Gouzeaucourt in their sweep.

Canadian troops were steadily advancing from Vimy ridge today. They occupied trenches to the east of the forest on the western slope of the ridge. At Souchez 110 prisoners, nine machine guns and one mine thrower were captured.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES BEFORE ST. QUENTIN, April 13. Now joined with the British offensive, General Nivelle's troops today had pressed forward to a point where the southern pivot of the German retreat was fatally menaced by their blows.

The suburbs of St. Quentin were reached by the French forces today. Simultaneously, on the west of the city, the British forces pounded their way forward.

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American ambulance corps were flying the American flag today.

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TWO GUARDSMEN DROWN IN RIVER

Boat Capsizes While on Way to Bridge Crossing Delaware to Bridesburg

ONE SOLDIER RESCUED

Two members of the First Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, were drowned this afternoon in the Delaware River near the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Delair, while crossing the river in a boat to Bridesburg, while a third guardman was rescued and is in the Frankford Hospital.

The soldiers believed to be drowned are: JOHN FLANNIGAN, Bristol, Pa. WILLIAM ROCHE, Philadelphia.

The rescued guardman was John J. McManus, nineteen years old, 2665 South Eighteenth street, was rescued after he and two fellow members of Company B, First Regiment, who were drowned, had been thrown into the Delaware River by the capsizing of a boat near the Delair bridge.

When the men were within fifteen feet of the shore the boat overturned, throwing the three men into the water. McManus managed to get a grip on the side of the capsized boat, but Roche and Flannigan were carried away from it by the heavy tide. They struggled in the water to keep afloat for a while, but sank 100 yards below the bridge opposite a stone dike.

All the men wore their heavy overcoats, and while Roche and Flannigan tried to swim to shore they were dragged down by the weight of their coats beneath the surface of the river 100 yards below the bridge. While the men were struggling in the water the guardmen on the shore, whom they were to relieve, fired several shots to attract attention.

The struggles of the men were noticed by Mrs. Joseph Venavi, wife of the caretaker of the Camp Club of Delair. She was working in the garden at the time and ran to the river bank too late to be of any assistance to the men who sank, but threw a rope to McManus. It proved too short, and guardmen on shore fired several shots to attract attention, bringing several men at work on the bridge to the rescue. They pulled McManus to safety.

He was removed to the Frankford Hospital, where it was said he would recover.

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DISTILLERS READY TO CUT PRODUCTION

Committee, Fearing Prohibition, Volunteers to Reduce Demands for Grain

TO USE LIQUOR IN BOND

WASHINGTON, April 13. Voluntary restriction of liquor manufacture during the war was proposed before the Senate Agriculture Committee today by a committee of distillers, representing the largest liquor interests in the country.

Aroused by fear of legislation that would bring about "war prohibition," the distillers presented a plan to cut down demands for grain 15,000,000 bushels a year. The present output of distilleries and breweries in the country requires approximately 640,000,000 bushels of grain annually.

The committee was headed by Joseph Debar, president of the National Distillers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association.

Under a plan submitted a Federal tax would be imposed upon the materials used to manufacture liquor. Such a tax, they told the committee, would have a tendency to lower production and force out of bond the reserve of liquors.

An expert who accompanied the committee asserted such a plan would save at least 15,000,000 bushels of grain per year. The distillers' committee pointed out that to shut off production of alcohol altogether would be impossible; that enormous quantities of alcohol were used in the manufacture of munitions of war, and that at least 35,000,000 gallons of alcohol annually is necessary for medical and like purposes; that thousands of persons would be thrown out of work and great hardships would result from any severe restrictions on the manufacture of alcohol.

Honorable Artillery Compliments U. S. LONDON, April 13.—A demonstration of friendship was made in front of the American embassy today by a battalion of the Honorable Artillery Company. Ambassador Page viewed the demonstration from the balcony.

EXTRA

Table with 2 columns: City, Score. American League: CHICAGO 0 0 0 0 1, ST. LOUIS 1 0 0 2 0. National League: PITTSBURGH 1 0 0 0 0, CHICAGO 5 1 0 0 0.

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ALL OTHER GAMES POSTPONED

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. GERMANTOWN FRIENDS 1 1 0 2, DARBY HIGH 0 1 0 0.

WAR TAX ON SPORTS

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Sports today entered the high cost of living lists. On the theory that all sporting events—baseball, pugilism, horseracing, etc.—are luxuries, Representative Fordney, Michigan, today on the floor of the House, urged a special tax on all admission tickets to such events as a means of raising additional funds for the nation to carry on the war.

RUSSIA PLACES LARGE ORDER IN U. S.

PETROGRAD, April 13.—The Russian Government has decided to place orders for 40,000 cars and 2000 locomotives in the United States, it was announced today.

\$10,000,000 FOR SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS

WASHINGTON, April 13.—An appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the benefit of the wives, children and dependent mothers of men who enlist in the armies of the United States during the war is proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Garrett, of Texas, a member of the Military Affairs Committee.

BRITISH ADVANCE ANOTHER MILE

LONDON, April 13.—Another advance of nearly a mile nearer Cambrai by British troops in the region of Gouzeaucourt was announced in press headquarters dispatches received here late this evening.

WHEAT JUMPS TO NEW HIGH GROUND AGAIN

CHICAGO, April 13.—Wheat continued its upward march today on good buying, due to a low estimate of the winter crop made by the International Harvester Company. May advanced to \$2.25, another new high record; July was up as high as \$1.94 and September hit \$1.74. There were recessions from the top prices as many traders took profits.

WILMINGTON SCHOLARSHIP AT U. OF P.

A scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania will be established for Wilmington, Del., youth under the will of Dr. Joseph H. Pyle, of Wilmington, which was probated today in Wilmington. Doctor Pyle, who was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania medical school, established a fund of \$50,000 to be used for scholarships at several colleges and universities.

BRITISH AVIATION CHIEFS TO ASSIST U. S. SERVICE

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Two high ranking officers of the British flying corps and the French aviation corps have been detailed to War Department duty to assist General Squires, chief signal officer, in building up the American aviation service as rapidly as possible. Sixty million dollars is contained in the war budget estimates for the aviation arm.

SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORS WEBB EXPORT BILL

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The Senate Interstate Commerce Commission this afternoon voted to recommend immediate passage of the Webb export bill, one of the measures strongly urged by President Wilson at the last session of Congress. The bill would permit American exporters to combine in the maintenance of selling agencies abroad.

COMMODORE JOHN B. COLLINS, U. S. N., DEAD

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 13.—Commodore John B. Collins, U. S. N., retired, died at the Naval Hospital here today after a brief illness. Commodore Collins was a native of Louisiana.

PARIS FORMALLY ANNOUNCES MISSION TO U. S.

PARIS, April 13.—Formal announcement was made today that the Government had decided to send a special mission to America, the membership to include high military and political personages. It will arrive about April 25.

FRANCE NEEDS AMERICAN WHEAT

PARIS, April 13.—More important to France just now than money or munitions or men at the front is American wheat. The most pressing problem in France now is for this grain.

SOLDIERS REPLACE MESSENGERS AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, April 13.—An added touch of martial appearance was given the State, War and Navy Building today when uniformed soldiers were put on guard duty, replacing messengers who have been piloting visitors through business offices inside.

AIRPLANE FIRED ON AT PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., April 13.—An aeroplane coming from the harbor was fired upon early today by national guardmen stationed on the Slattery bridge. The aeroplane then speeded up and followed the Piscataqua River until it disappeared from view. At the navy yard officials were at a loss to find out where it had come from.

BLAST VICTIMS BURIED IN RAIN AS 8000 WEEP

52 Nameless Eddystone Dead Given to Common Grave

ARMED GUARDS HOLD MOURNERS IN CHECK

Denominations Unite, Since No Church Knows Own Parishioners

GRIEF OVERCOMES MANY

This is Funeral Day in Chester. The fifty-two unidentified dead of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation disaster were buried in one huge grave in Chester Rural Cemetery, where priests of the Catholic Church united with Protestant ministers in reading the last services as 8000 mourners looked on, unmindful of the cold rain that drizzled out of the sky.

At the same time Federal investigation continued into the cause of Tuesday's explosions and fire that cost about 125 lives of girls and men munition workers.

A throng of mournful humanity huddled about a hollow square of armed guards, in long coats and Cossack caps; a rain-soaked canvas pavilion sheltering the assembled clergy of all denominations; two great mounds of wet yellow clay; a grave containing fifty-two chestnut-and-silver caskets, heaped with roses, lilies, orchids, blooms of every field, and draped with American flags—that was Chester's community funeral.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Thomas F. Ryan, rector of the Catholic Church of St. Rose of Lima and chaplain of the munitions corporation, who was joined by fifty clergymen of thirty churches in and about Chester. Each in turn spoke the words prescribed by the church of his creed for the burial.

This was so ordered, for no church knew which of the identical caskets to claim as the last resting places of its parishioners. Similarly, no one of the relatives or friends who crowded against the cordon of guards knew which casket to claim as its own. So the churches united in the last rites and the mourners united in weeping for them all.

ORDER OF SERVICES

The religious services were as follows: Father Ryan and twelve other Catholic priests began the services. Amid a hush they said grace to the edge of the grave. All men in the vast throng bared their heads to the steady cold rain and the 175 guards stood at "parade rest" as the priests chanted the litany for the dead.

The Rev. C. Lee Gaul, of the Chester Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, followed with a prayer.

The Rev. J. W. Hauser, of the Chester Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, followed with the reading of the Ninetieth Psalm.

The Rev. A. L. Latham, of the Chester Third Presbyterian Church, read the fifteenth chapter from the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

The Rev. Francis M. Taitt, of the Chester St. Paul's Episcopal Church, dean of the Episcopal Convocation in Chester, read the Apostles' Creed and led all clergymen and mourners in the Lord's Prayer.

The Rev. H. M. E. Dare, of the North Chester Baptist Church, was the last Protestant clergyman to officiate, and on behalf of the denominations he pronounced the benediction.

WOMEN FAINT

As the last word fell from his lips the steady downpour of rain ceased suddenly, as if it had been so arranged. Then the concourse of spectators was allowed to file past the rectangular opening to make a final view of the caskets. Bizarre, rending scenes followed. Women, thus far

LIEUT. SWEENEY PROMOTED

American Flyer With French Armies Gets Rank of Captain

PARIS, April 13.—Lieutenant Sweeney, an American with the French aviation corps, was promoted to captain today and given definite leave of absence to "see America," according to official announcement.

Bowie Results

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Odds. FIRST RACE, selling, maiden, two-year-olds: 1. Hill Livingston, 103, H. \$3.10 \$2.50 \$2.50.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: this afternoon; cloudy and colder with light temperature about thirty degrees; Saturday fair; fresh northerly winds.